

**MINUTES OF MEETING
WAYNE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018 – 11:30 A.M.
COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL BUILDING - ROOM 700A
2 WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:34 a.m.

Members present: Honorable Freddie G. Burton, Jr., Chief Judge, Probate Court
Honorable Eric Sabree, Member – Wayne County Treasurer
Honorable Cathy N. Garrett, Secretary – Wayne County Clerk

Members absent: None.

Also present: Janet Anderson-Davis, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Gregory P. Mahar, Director, Wayne County Elections
Jennifer Redmond, Assistant Director
John Knappmann
Walter Prusiewicz
Bob Constan
Ray Muscat
Lisa Hicks Clayton
Anthony Camilleri

Agenda item: **Consideration of Agenda approval.**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Member Garrett, duly supported by Member Sabree, moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2017**

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 20, 2017. Member Sabree, duly supported by Member Garrett, moved to approve the minutes of September 20, 2017. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: **Determination of Clarity – Dan Paletko, Mayor, City of Dearborn Heights**

Chair Burton asked Assistant Corporation Counsel Janet Anderson-Davis to remind the commission of its role in making a determination

of clarity. Assistant Corporation Counsel Anderson-Davis reminded the commission of its role and duties for a determination of clarity. Ms. Anderson-Davis read the statute regarding the role of the Election Commission in regards to recall petitions and stated that there was litigation before Judge Levy in Federal Court in which she issued an opinion regarding recall petitions.

Ms. Anderson-Davis summarized the commission's role when reviewing petitions and what the commission should consider. Ms. Anderson-Davis also advised the commission that a couple officers are in the first year of a four year term and under statute they can't be recalled at this point. Ms. Redmond indicated Mayor Paletko, Clerk Prusiewicz, and Councilmember Constan are in the first year of their term.

Board action on agenda item: Chair Burton requested a motion to dismiss 5A-1, 5A-2, and 5A-3.

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-1 for Dan Paletko:

“Unethical conduct, for knowingly withholding truthful and factual information of extreme importance, to undermine and election, misleading and lying to the residences of Dearborn Heights the people he represents.”

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-2 for Walter Prusiewicz:

“Unethical conduct, for knowingly withholding truthful and factual information of extreme importance, to undermine and election, misleading and lying to the residences of Dearborn Heights the people he represents.”

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-3 for Bob Constan:

“Unethical conduct, for knowingly withholding truthful and factual information of extreme importance, to undermine and election, misleading and lying to the residences of Dearborn Heights the people he represents.”

Member Sabree, duly supported by Member Garrett, moved to dismiss items 5A-1, 5A-2 and 5A-3. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: Determination of Clarity – Ray Muscat, City Council, City of Dearborn Heights

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-4 for Ray Muscat:

“Unethical conduct, for knowingly withholding truthful and factual information of extreme importance, to undermine an election, misleading and lying to the residences of Dearborn Heights the people he represents.”

Member Garrett, duly supported by Member Sabree, moved that item 5A-4 be rejected for lack of clarity. Chair Burton asked the petitioner if there was anything he would like to state in support of the recall language. Mr. Camilleri addressed the commission and made a statement in support of his petition.

Member Garrett, duly supported by Member Sabree, moved that item 5A-4 be rejected for lack of clarity. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: Determination of Clarity – Lisa Hicks Clayton, City Council, City of Dearborn Heights

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-5 for Lisa Hicks Clayton:

“Unethical conduct for knowingly withholding truthful and factual information of extreme importance, to undermine an election, misleading and lying to the residences of Dearborn Heights the people she represents.”

Member Garrett, duly supported by Member Sabree, moved that item 5A-5 be rejected for lack of clarity. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Agenda item: New Business. Jennifer Redmond informed the commission that there will be a couple of districts having a May Election and that the commission will need to reconvene to approve ballot printing. Ms. Redmond stated she will reach out to the members to schedule that meeting.

Agenda item: Public Comment. None

Agenda item: **Adjournment.** Chair Burton requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Sabree, duly supported by Chair Burton, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.